MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On 30.8.1993, a blast occurred in a toilet of the Delhi High Court. A case under sections 3/4 Explosives Act and 436 IPC has been registered at the Tilak Marg Police Station. The accused person has been arrested and is in judicial custody.

Suggestions Made by Former and Present Police Chief/Officials

2838. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Victims of the system' appearing in the Indian Express dated 29th August, 1993, and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto keeping in view the suggestions made by the former and present police Chief/ Officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Police has reported that no person by the name of Iqbal, the picture of whose family has been published by the newspaper, died in police custody in Delhi during the last 10 years.

(b) Instructions have been reiterated that persons in custody shall be treated in accordance with the law and that resort to coercive methods shall not be made. Strict action, including criminal prosecution, is taken whenever any police official is found indulging in torture or held responsible for a custodial death.

Special inputs have been introduced in the "induction" and 'In-service' training programmes to sensitize police officers for using scientific methods for investigation.

Interrogation rooms are relocated to make them more visible and be close to the reporting rooms so as to minimise the scope for violation of these instructions.

Insurgency in Nagaland

2839. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment are aware of the recent incidents where the Naga underground insurgents disarmed the Second Rifles Batallion and took away arms and ammunitions surrended by the Jawans in Menglong District;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to put as top to the insurgency in that area;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to seek a political solution in ending the insurgency in that part of the country; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Recently, on 30 November 93, the NSCN(I) attacked a post of Manipur Rifles in Tamenglong district of Manipur. In another earlier incident the NSCN(I) had raided an outpost of the Manipur Rifles at Khoupum, Manipur.

(c) and (d) The policy of the Government of India is to oppose use of violent means for attainment of any objectives. With a view to bring the terrorist and insurgent elements into the national mainstream the doors of the Government are open for peaceful resolution of problems provided they abjure violence and' agree to fuction within the framework of the Constitution.